13. Al-Musawwir (The Fashioner)

"Allah fashioned the heart of the believer to turn constantly toward Him, just as He fashioned the flower to turn toward the sun."

- Abu'l-Hasan al-Kharaqani (963-1033 CE)
Source: "Nur al-'Ulum"
(The Light of Sciences)

If a barren woman fasts for 7 days and each day, after making Iftar, reads Al-Baari'ul-Musawweru 21 times , اَلْبَارِئُ الْمُصَوِّرُ Allah will grant her male children, Insha Allah - Al Hisnul Hasin

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Asmaa ul Husna

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AL-MUSAWWIR ﷻ (THE FORMER OF SHAPES ﷻ)

Allamah Khattaabi ﷺ states: "Al-Musawwir ﷻ is that Being who has created His creation in different forms so that they can recognize each other (and differentiate between each other). Allaah ﷻ says, 'He fashioned you, then He beautified your forms'".

The meaning of Al-Musawwir ﷻ is the former of shapes and the Maker of forms. Allaah ﷻ has granted all of His creation special and distinctive forms and shapes. By this, they are recognized and differentiated from other objects. The heavenly and earthly creations are recognized by their distinct forms. Then the creation are divided into different types all having their own special forms. Then in one type, for example, human being, men and women have their own forms. The form and feature of every man and woman living on the earth is so different that in spite of billions of people inhabiting the earth, every one's feature is so different that differentiation can immediately be made. This perfect power is only from one Being, Allaah ﷻ who has no partner. Just as takabbur (portraying greatness) is not permissible for any being besides Allaah ﷻ, since greatness is only His ﷻ quality, similarly to make figures, forms and photographs of animate objects is not permissible since this will be practically claiming partnership in the special quality of Allaah ﷻ.

In Surah Aal-Imraan, Allaah ﷻ states:

هُوَ الَّذِي يُصَوِّرُكُمْ فِي الأَرْحَامِ كَيْفَ يَشَاء لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

He is the Being who fashioned you in the wombs as He wished. There is none worthy of worship besides Him, the Most Powerful, the Most Wise.

In this verse, mention is made of the perfect and unrestricted power of Al-Musawwir ﷻ. With great wisdom, He ﷻ has created man in the womb of his mother in three layers of darkness. He ﷻ has fashioned and

formed man in such a manner that amongst billions of people, each person's features are different and distinct so that they can be recognized. The logical demand of this all-encompassing knowledge and perfect power is that only He ﷻ should be worshipped. Besides Him ﷻ no one else's power and knowledge comes close to this stage, therefore they are not worthy of worship.

In Surah Zumar, the manifestation of the power of Al-Musawwir ﷻ is mentioned:

يَخْلُقُكُمْ فِي بُطُونِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ خَلْقًا مِن بَعْدِ خَلْقٍ فِي ظُلُمَاتٍ ثَلَاثٍ

He made you in the stomachs of your mothers, form after form in three layers of darkness.

According to Allaah ﷻ's knowledge and wisdom, He ﷻ made man's forms with His perfect power as and how He ﷻ wished in the womb of their mothers. He created some male, some female; some beautiful and some ugly as He ﷻ wished. In one drop of sperm, He ﷻ caused so many changes in it, creating eventually the form of man. Can there be any deficiency in the knowledge of such a Being whose power and knowledge is such?

In this verse, some wisdoms and finer points have been alluded to illustrating the power of Allaah ﷻ which is found in the creation of man.
One: Allaah ﷻ has the power to create man at once in the womb of a mother. However, due to expedience and wisdom, He ﷻ did not do so. He chose the gradual method of 'form after form', so that the womb of the mother, in whom this small masterpiece was being formed, could gradually accustom itself to bear this weight.
Two: This unique and most beautiful creation in which thousands of delicate machines and veins the size of hairs have been placed, in which blood and the soul can penetrate, has not been created like other objects in any open place, with the help of light. It has been created

under three layers of darkness in such a place where never mind one's gaze, one's thoughts cannot even reach there.

فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ

Thereafter Allaah ﷻ creates love in the heart of the parents of the created being. The crow loves its ugly-looking baby, and the pigeon loves its child. It does not have any feelings of love for another more beautiful baby.

THE MASTERPIECES OF AL-MUSAWWIR ﷻ

How graceful and beautiful are the natural sceneries of the mountains, the waterfalls, and the lakes! What beautiful flowers, what different shades in its different leaves, what equilibrium in its petals! In some places, small trees are lined up on mountains making it seem like a green carpet laid out for a long distance, and it is as if though silver is filled up in the recesses of the mountains. Then the pure layers of ice on the mountains present a beautiful example of the artistry of Al-Musawwir ﷻ. On animals, stones, plants, flowers and butterflies, different designs and decorations have been placed. Then appropriate colours add to their beauty. On seeing these wonders from such a powerful being, one is forced to exclaim

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Study the mixture of colors in a peach? Wild pigeons outwardly seem to be black, but on closer inspection a turquoise color radiates. In every place, due proportion in formation of all objects are seen to. Ponder, if the eyes of the elephant were in accordance to its size, then no one would bear to see it. It would have appeared very hideous and frightening. None of the camels stand upright. In spite of this, it appears very beautiful. Al-Musawwir ﷻ has exhibited His power on the wings of the butterflies and birds as well as on the hides of the animals. On one wing are shades of yellow, red and green. Attached together, they present an exquisite and good-looking model. To protect these colours,

a natural varnish or chemical has been placed on them. Worms and other insects thrive and grow up in dirty water, moisture and filth, yet their colours do not change.

When we glance at the wings of a butterfly, we see a very beautiful balance. Allaah ﷻ has beautified these wings which appear to be brocaded with lace with such attractive dots, colours and patterns that each one seems to be a unique maser piece and one can perceive a flawless system and proportion. Similarly, study another masterpiece of Allaah ﷻ's creation, the giraffe. As with other animals, it has a very captivating and comprehensive design. Its brain resides at the top of its very long neck. By pondering slightly, it will seem to be a great problem to pump blood and make it reach so high up. However, the giraffe lives very comfortably with its built. More so, when it bends to drink water, the natural consequence would be that blood would have rushed to its brain, leading to fear for its life. However, Allaah ﷻ has erected such a perfect system that when it bends, the valves of its neck become blocked which prevents an excess flow of blood. Know well that these features of the giraffe are not due to some evolutionary process, nor has the giraffe made effort to attain them. This, without doubt proves that Al-Musawwir ﷻ has created this masterpiece and artistic feature by His ﷻ intention and will.

Everyone's features and forms are different. Leave aside this, even the fingers and the thumb as well as the fingerprints of every person are different. Similarly, the eye, eyebrows, eyelashes, cheeks, pupils of the eye, nose and its bridge, ears, lips, and chin have not been created the same. All these different types and forms point to the perfect power of Allaah ﷻ. As He wishes, He creates, and not according to the wishes of the creation.

If even a king wishes that his child's nose should be of a certain type, his eyes should be a certain form, and his complexion be a certain manner,

then this will not occur. As Allaah ﷻ decides and wishes, He ﷻ will create and form, since His ﷻ decision overpowers everything. The wisdom of this is so that differentiation is possible. Otherwise, daily there would be problems and difficulties encountered. If for example a mother has seven children and they all looked the same, then it would be difficult for her to recognize them. Every time she speaks to them, she will be forced to ask their name. If she asked them to buy vegetables for her she will have to ask each of them, "Did I tell you? Did I tell you?" If someone loaned any of the brothers some money, then from whom will he demand repayment? It could be possible that the brother who was given the loan has 12 ears, now when someone comes to him, he will have to count the number of ears. In educational institutes, if everyone appeared the same, then even the most intelligent head master would be confused, 'Are you Adnaan or Fawzaan? Are you Muhammad or Hammaad? Are you Hafsah or Ruqayyah?' Every claimant would demand his right and the other would deny it. People would then be forced to stipulate and place their own distinguishing signs upon themselves so that they are recognized. May we be sacrificed for Al-Musawwir ﷻ that in His ﷻ factory, He has placed such signs and distinguishing features on our bodies that the doors and avenues of fighting are closed.

From the beginning of time till now, countless people have been born. You will not find any two people whose accent, voice, pronunciation, features, and complexion are exactly the same. You will never meet two people whose voices and features cannot be differentiated. From the beginning of creation till today, new features and new forms of speaking are being created. There is no decrease or shortage in this treasure house. In reality this is a great sign of the immense power of Allaah ﷻ.

Allaah ﷻ refers to this in the following verse:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافُ أَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَأَلْوَانِكُمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّلْعَالِمِينَ

And from amongst His signs is the creation of the heavens and earth and the differences in your speech and complexions. Verily in that are many signs for those who understand. (Room)

The creation of the heavens and earth is undoubtedly a huge masterpiece. Man's speech being different is also an amazing sign of Allaah ﷻ's power. Included in this are the differences of languages such as Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Turkish, English, etc., which are spoken in different areas and places. Some are so dissimilar that one cannot observe any connection or suitability between them. Also included in the difference of speech is the difference of people's tones and modulation (dialects). Allaah ﷻ has created such differences in the voice of every person – man, woman, old, and young that the voice of one individual or one gender is not exactly the same as the other. There will definitely be some variance even though the tongue, lips, palate and throat (i.e. the instruments) used to create the sound) are all alike.

فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ

Similar is the differences in color that from one mother and father, in the same condition, two children of different complexion are born.

PERFECTION OF LIMBS AND MEANS FOR THEIR PROTECTION

Al-Musaawir ﷻ has created His creation with incalculable perfection, wisdom and beauty. Understand this point in the light of these examples:

1.) An animal cannot clean its ears. Therefore around its ears, countless strands of hair have been placed which does not allow dust particles and insects to enter.

2.) The ears of chickens, ducks and other birds have been closed protecting it from dust particles. In the ears, a certain liquid has been placed that insects abstain from entering therein, due to its bitter taste.

In this manner, Allaah ﷻ has created means for the protection of the auditory organs; else man and animals would quickly become deaf.

3.) By means of seven veils, He ﷻ has protected the light of the eyes. Allaah ﷻ has fixed the eye – the most delicate part of the body – in a cavity. This is surrounded by the bones of the nose and bridge. The eyelashes and eyelid has been created so sensitive that as soon as any foreign object appears, it closes. The eyes of animals which are hunted, are placed in an even deeper cavity so that the hunter cannot cause any injury to it. The brain stores an electrical house which continues assigning power and light to the eyes.

4.) The nostrils have been constructed curved. For protection from dust particles, hairs have been placed inside the nostrils in order to ensure that the air is filtered and therefore saving man and animals from colds and catarrh.

5.) In the nose is such a liquid which does not allow any insects to enter. In this way, Al-Musawwir ﷻ has preserved the sense of smell.

6.) In the throat, windows have been erected so that food particles can enter its passage and the air can enter its passage.

7.) Like the holes in the throat, Allaah ﷻ has made the stomach curved so that the food remains in the stomach and does not emerge.

Hafiz Ibn-Katheer ﷺ has written, “From the time Allaah ﷻ created Adam ﷺ till Qiyaamah, every person has two eyes, two eyebrows, a nose, a forehead, a mouth, and two cheeks. No person resembles the other exactly. There definitely is some difference in their qualities, features, or speech, whether it be apparent or concealed, but realized when one ponders deeply. Every face has its own form and feature which does not resemble another. If a group of people have to be found who seem similar to each other in attractiveness or unattractiveness, then too (by careful inspection) one will definitely find a difference between them.